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Muhammadian representations in departments under the hon. the Minister for Education.

618 Q.—Khan Badadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the number of Muhammdans, excluding peons and attenders, that have been newly appointed in the different departments under his control, such as the Registration department, Education department, and the Public Works department in the Presidency town in 1921–22 ?

A.—The figures will be found in due course in the returns prescribed in G.O. No. 658, Public, dated 15th August 1922.

The improvement of irrigation facilities.

619 Q.—Mr. K. SARABHA REDDI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is not a fact that there is a Government order directing the Executive Engineer to hold now and then meetings in important centres of districts in their charges with a view to consult people as to what best can be done to improve irrigation facilities ; and

(2) at what centres and on what dates the Executive Engineer of Kurnool district held such meetings in Kurnool district after the passing of the Government order ?

A.—(1) Yes. The Government order on the subject (G.O. No. 194 W., dated 7th February 1921) has been placed on the Editors' Table.

(2) It is understood that though no conference was held in strict accordance with the Government order, the Executive Engineer, Kurnool division, conferred with and had discussions with the leading ryots on the following subjects at the centres and on the dates shown against them :—

| Subject. | Centre. | Date. |
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| (i) Irrigation under the Venkatapuram tank. | Dhone | .. 8th June 1922. |
| (ii) Irrigation under the Kocheruvu tank. | Do. | .. 9th June 1922. |
| (iii) Extension of cultivation under the Maidkur channel. | Maidkur | .. 15th August 1922. |
| (iv) Extension of cultivation under the Chepad channel. | Rajoly | .. 16th August 1922. |

Control of motor traffic in Madras.

620 Q.—Mr. S. SOMASUNDARAM PILLAI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is intended to add to the number of inspectors and sub-inspectors of police for controlling motor traffic in the City of Madras ;

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- (2) (a) what is the number of appointments proposed to be made ;
 (b) how many of these additional appointments are to be filled up by Hindus, how many by Muhammadans and how many by Anglo-Indians ; and
 (3) whether the additional appointments are to be filled in by policemen already in service in the City Police with previous experience of control of motor traffic or from the mufassal police and in what proportions ?

A.—(1) Yes.

(2) (a) One inspector and four sub-inspectors.

(2) (b) & (3) The Government have no information.

Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB :—" With reference to the answer to question No. 620 (2) (b) may I know if the Government will call for the information ?"

The hon. Mr. K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" No, Sir. It is not our practice. At present I do not know whether the appointments cannot be made by the Commissioner of Police himself."

Demarcation stones in the Presidency.

621 Q.—Mr. A. TANGAVELU NAYAGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in a tabular form—

(a) the demand and collection under 'Repairs and Renewals' of demarcation stones in the several districts of the Presidency during the year 1921-22 as also the amount realized in each district by the adoption of coercive process such as sale of immovables, etc. ;

(b) whether the Government are aware that the ryots are put to a good deal of inconvenience and loss by the Revenue officers inspecting the demarcation stones at their whims and fancies without any regularity, and by issuing demands frequently ;

(c) whether the Government are aware that as the work of repairing or planting demarcation stones is generally done by the village menials concerned as part of their legitimate duties and the amounts advanced by the Government for engaging coolies for the said purpose are misappropriated by the revenue inspector and karnam, the major portion going to the former, even unrepaired stones are shown as having been repaired and the ryots charged therefor, and that the report of the revenue inspector is final, the fraud not being easy of detection ?

A.—(a) A statement showing the demand and collection under renewal and repair of survey marks in the several districts of the Presidency during the year 1921-22 is annexed.* Information regarding the amount realized in each district by the adoption of coercive process is not available.

(b) Under the Survey and Boundaries Act the ryot is bound to keep the survey marks on or within the boundaries of his